

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Inventor(s) : Hitoshi MATSUMOTO *et al.*
Serial Number : 10/019,402
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Based on Int'l Appln. No. : PCT/JP00/04337
For : COMPOSITIONS FOR FOODS, PROCESS
: FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, AND
: FUNCTIONAL FOODS AND DRINKS
: CONTAINING THE SAME
Examiner : D. A. Jagoe
Group Art Unit : 1614

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 9, 2006

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Official action mailed September 9, 2005. The Official action set forth a three-month period for response, and a petition for a three-month extension of time is attached hereto, making this response due on or before March 9, 2005.

Claim amendments begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.